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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Wolfe *et al.*
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For: METHODS OF PROTEIN PURIFICATION AND RECOVERY

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Examiner: Weber, Jon P.

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1, 3-8, 10-11, 13, and 15-19, and Group II, namely Claims 2, 9, 12, 14, and 20. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 2, 9, 12, 14, and 20) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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